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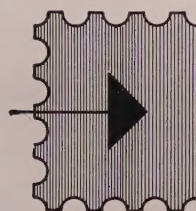
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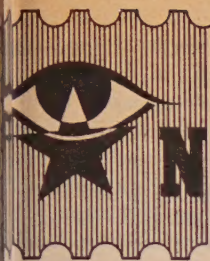
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Francis Scott Key First Day Ceremonies Baltimore, September 14, 1960

ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1960, when the Francis Scott Key American Credo stamp goes on sale at Fort McHenry, in Baltimore, Postmaster General Arthur E. Sumfield is scheduled to be the guest of honor at a luncheon sponsored by the Advertising Club of Baltimore. The luncheon will be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, at 12:15 P.M. Tickets for the 12:15 P.M. luncheon at \$2.75 may be purchased from the Advertising Club of Baltimore, Emerson Hotel, Baltimore 2, Maryland. Attending the luncheon will be Senators, Congressmen, the Governor, the Mayor, and other prominent officials will attend the luncheon and the ceremony. The program at the Fort is tentatively set to begin at 7:30 P.M.

Chairman of the day's activities is William F. Laukaitis, Postmaster of Baltimore, and he has prepared a program that will be interesting and educational to both adults and children. It is proposed to have a simulated bombardment of the fort, a display of military equipment, and a spectacular jet air show; a Navy Destroyer will be available for inspection by the public. The Post Office Band and Glee Club will provide entertainment at the fort. First day covers bearing two new stamps will be transported to the Friendship International Airport by helicopter.

Postmaster Laukaitis has also advised that his first day cover cancellation unit will be open for inspection by the general public so that anyone who has not previously observed how first day covers are handled will be able to observe this operation.

The new stamps will be available for purchase at the main post office in Baltimore, and all stations and branches.

Collectors desiring first day covers should send self-addressed envelopes together with remittance to cover the

cost of stamps affixed, to the Postmaster, Baltimore 33, Maryland. Use envelopes of ordinary No. 6 size, with close-fitting enclosure of postal card thickness, and be sure to endorse your enclosing envelope "First Day Covers, 4c Key Credo Stamps". Do not enclose an envelope for the return of the covers, as these will all be sent separately through the mail. If airmail is desired, or you wish to have your covers air-lifted, if the Helicopter from Fort McHenry to Friendship airport, now tentative, is finally arranged for, be sure to enclose sufficient remittance for two of the new stamps to be affixed in order to pay the airmail rate.

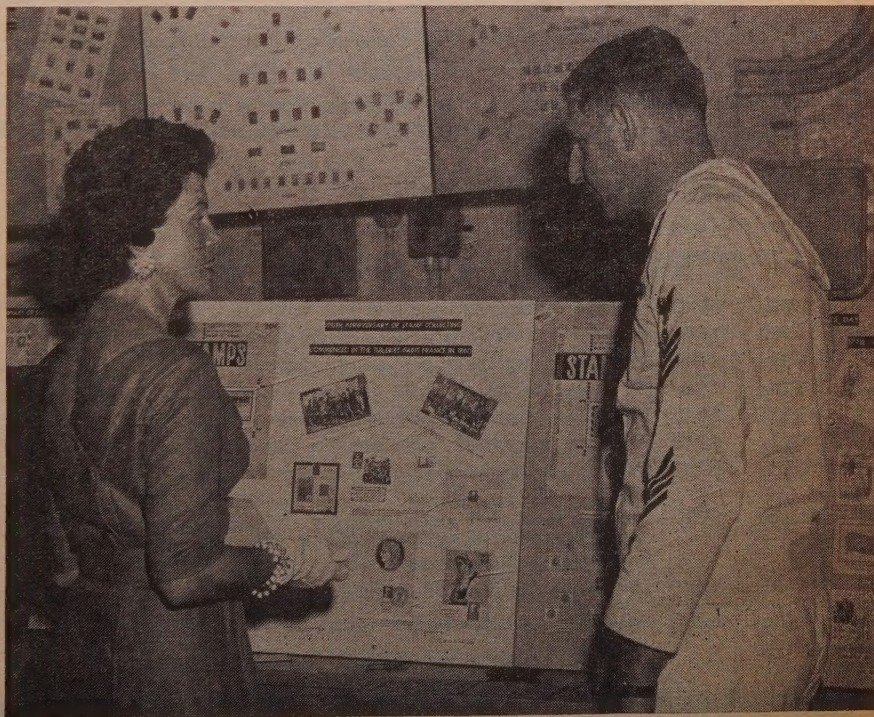
Concurrent with the ceremony at Fort McHenry and at the Baltimore Post Office will be the philatelic exhibition at the Southern Hotel in Baltimore, sponsored by the Associated Stamp Clubs of the Chesapeake Area, CHESAPEX '60, opening the same day, September 14,

and continuing through the 18th.

In honor of the occasion the Mayor is issuing a proclamation declaring September 14th as Francis Scott Key American Credo Stamp Day; and the Governor has issued a proclamation declaring the week of September 11 to 18 as Stamp Collecting Week. It is expected that September 14th will see one of the greatest displays of the American Flag in Baltimore City. All firms, business houses, enterprises, buildings, and residences have been requested to display the Flag on this date.

Hobbies Displayed at Reception Aboard the U.S.S. Forrestal

ON July 4, 1960, a reception was given by the Commander of the Sixth Fleet, Vice Admiral George W. Anderson, Jr., on board the super-carrier U.S.S. Forrestal (CVA-59), which



(Official Photograph U. S. Navy)

Charles W. Birdy, PNI, U.S.N., showing a visitor some of his stamp panels at reception aboard the U.S.S. Forrestal in the harbor of Villefranche, France.



Mexico's President Adolfo Lopez Mateos accepting Friendship Scrolls and Honorary Membership in the Elmhurst and Jack Knight societies at meeting in Mexico City. (Left to right): Byron F. Stevens, founder and president of Elmhurst P. S.; Rafael Murillo Vidal, director of post office; President Mateos; and Lic. Jose L. Cossio, prominent Mexico stamp collector.

is commanded by *Capt. R. E. Reira, U.S.N.*

The reception was given in the harbor of Villefranche, France. Approximately one thousand guests attended, consisting of French civil-

ians, many of the American colony in and around the area, and many military officials, both French and American.

A feature not normally seen at such receptions was a number of

static displays shown by the various departments aboard this 6,000-ton aircraft carrier. One of the most interesting displays and, for a naval vessel, a most unusual one, was a hobby show, displaying a number of the hobbies of the personnel aboard. Leather work, hooked rugs, coins, paintings and stamp collecting were a few of the hobbies on view.

The show was co-ordinated by good friend *Charles W. Birdy, P.S.N.*, who is so well known to our readers for his courtesies to collectors in servicing covers through many years. Mr. Birdy himself exhibited a number of panes of stamps, with emphasis on the theme of FREEDOM, and tying it to the French-U. S. A. alliances throughout the years. He also showed a number of miscellaneous panes, among them a beautiful and colorful showing of *Flowers of the World* Stamps.

The display was very well received, and those who had cooperated in planning and setting it up were well pleased with the results of their efforts.

—H. L. LINDQUIST

Elmhurst, Jack Knight and A.T.A. Members Visit to Mexico City

WHEN the Elmhurst Philatelic Society and Jack Knight Air Mail Society met with Mexican collectors in Mexico City recently, the delegation was honored by a series of parties and receptions which began immediately on their arrival.

A cocktail party was given by the Philatelic Society of Mexico, followed by receptions at the Presidential Palace the next day, Saturday, June 25, 1960. The event was given front-page feature in Mexico City's newspapers, and there were television interviews on Sunday.

A dinner party was held on Saturday evening at the home of *Lic. Jose L. Cossio*, and there was a picnic and dinner on Sunday, given by *Sr. Domingo and Fabian* at Custla. There was also a cocktail and dinner party at *Sr. Koenig's* home during their stay, where the group viewed one of the world's most outstanding collections of Mexican stamps, and were entertained by the world-famous *Maria* band.

Mexico's President *Adolfo Lopez Mateos* was presented with Friendship scrolls and honorary membership in the Elmhurst and Jack Knight societies by *Byron F. Stevens*, president and founder of Elmhurst P. S., and to whom we are indebted for this report and the accompanying picture.

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Cat. No.	Description	Price
*805b 1938	1½c M. Washington, horizontal pair imperf. between.	110.00
*832a 1938	\$1.00 Wilson. Very fine lower right corner block-of-four imperforate horizontally.	650.00
*899b 1940	1c Defense, horizontal pair, imperf. between.	16.75
*899b 1940	As above, except one hole between stamps.	2.95
*900a 1940	2c Defense, horizontal pair, imperf. between.	18.75
*900a 1940	As above, except one hole between stamps.	2.95
*901a 1940	3c Defense, horizontal pair, imperf. between.	6.50
*901a 1940	As above, except one hole between stamps.	1.50
*C23a 1938	6c Bi-colored airmail, vertical pair, imperf. horizontally.	90.00
*CE2a 1936	16c Bi-color airmail special delivery. Horizontal pair, imperforate between. Has printing crease but otherwise fine. Unused and O. G.	495.00
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The new list includes through the 4c Pony Express for which four plate numbers are available, 26624, 5, 6, 7. Also, the new \$3 Migratory Bird Hunting stamp of the 1960-61 series, available with two plate numbers, 167498 and 167503. The sheets of this stamp will have the same format as the \$3 stamp for 1959-60, and will be printed in sheets of 120 stamps and issued in panes of 30 with the plate numbers in the one corner of each of the four panes cut from the—as printed—sheet. These stamps are available in plate blocks of four at the Agency.

The list includes the Liberty series of 1954 for all denominations including the new 1½c stamp with two plate numbers, 26619-20.

Most of the plates for the first stamps of the Liberty series now at hand in the Bureau are old plates for which there were fairly large printings and they certainly represent numbers which most collectors have already obtained.

Mobria 1960

THE Organization of International Topical Stamp Collectors (FIPCO) is holding a meeting in Berlin, Germany, between August 26 and September 4, 1960. The Motiv-Sammler Club of Berlin is in charge of arrangements. An exhibition is included, with exhibitors vying for gold, silver, and bronze medals, as well as diplomas and prizes of honor.

An international youth meeting has been organized in connection with the event by the Ring Berliner Philatelisten Jugend.

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Mohrmann, of Hamburg, Germany, sends us a copy of an article appeared in the *City Press*, London, July 15, 1960, concerning the out-reception and dinner given on July 15 by Sir Denys Lowson, Bart, to the delegation of distinguished guests attending the London International Exhibition. The standing social event was included in the report of the show on page 150 of the *City Press*, July 30th. The *City Press* gave it a three-column write-up, and added a few other comments about the event, among which was the remark by Mohrmann that it was surprising that publicity had been given the exhibition by the London press, considering that London is the greatest stamp collection in the world.

Announcement has been received of the death of John Francis, July 22, 1960, of John Francis, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. F. Heyer, Rotterdam, Netherlands. Mr. Francis is well known to our readers for frequent contributions to our new column, and we are sure all join in congratulations and best wishes to his friends and their little son.

Chatten, of Jackson Heights, New York, submits a tear sheet from the *Age* for July 1960, carrying the advertisement of H. Muehlstein & Co., of rubber and plastic raw materials. The advertisement points up seventy-six foreign countries with agents of stamps from various of these where they have agents.

Postcard comes from Lester G. Le Beau, of Minneapolis, who at the age of 29 was in Paris after visiting European stamp centers. He reports stamp prices on U. S. material all over Europe, and dealers even reluctant to sell, apparently hoping for higher prices in prospect. He is buying, but got no bargains, by the way. With his wife, Mr. Brookman, they went to Italy the next day, then to Madrid, Spain, from where they were to take the plane back to S. A.

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A letter from Italy informs us that a short time ago a philatelic club was formed in Montecatini, to which *Prof. Dino Scalabrino* was elected president. Montecatini is the famous spa in the Tuscany region of Italy where H. L. Lindquist recently stayed, and which was written up in our issue of July 9, 1960, page 41. Dr. Scalabrino is director of the Spa management.

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Dr. Enzo Diena, of Rome, Italy, sends us an aerogramme bearing the postmark of the postal office which was opened on July 25, 1960, at Rome's new "Olympic Village." Thirty more special offices will be functioning during the Games, he advises.

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A postcard comes from *Robert J. Lyon*, head of the International Philatelic Agency, from Nicaragua, one of the countries his firm represents.

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Philatelists who are also comic strip and Mickey Mouse enthusiasts will be interested in seeing a copy of the forthcoming 1960 October-November edition of *Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse* comic-book. This edition will carry a feature story relating the adventures of Mickey Mouse and his nephews in their hunt for the 1c magenta British Guiana stamp of 1856. Our thanks to *Oliver B. Johnston*, vice president of *Walt Disney Productions*, for sending us an advance copy of the issue.

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Our thanks to *Dr. Roberto Levi Castillo* for first day covers of Ecuador's InterAmerican Conference set issued on August 6, 1960; to the *American Air Mail Society*, Capt. Benjamin B. Liganer, and to *Warren Rhodes* for first day covers of the 7c red airmail stamp issued on August 12, 1960; and to *Elmar Stamps*, Morke, Denmark, for a cover from Anhammarlagret, Sweden, dated July 28, 1960, with special cancellation from the Y.M.C.A. camps there.

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ANALYZING the Post Office release for this activity for the month of June, twenty-nine new plate numbers were assigned (26672-26700 inclusive). Twenty-nine plates were sent to press for the first time, and thirteen were cancelled, all of the Liberty series for coils, sheets, and booklets. The number of impressions for each plate are large enough to indicate no shortages.

Assigned but not sent to press, No. 26684 for the 4c Patrick Henry Credo stamp. All 4c Pony Express went to press, four plates having been used for this stamp: 26624-27, inclusive. Four plates for 4c Boys Club of America went to press: 26662, 26665, 26666, 26669; 26649 not to press.

Assigned to the Andrew Carnegie, four plates: 26674-77, inclusive. The 4c Francis Scott Key, five plates assigned: 26678, 26683, 26693, 26695, 26696, with only 26683 and 26693 having gone to press. The 4c Physically Handicapped, four plates assigned: 26679-82, inclusive. The 4c Fifth World Forestry Congress, four plates assigned: 26685-88, inclusive. The 4c Mexican Independence, one plate: assigned 26694.

U. S. Commemorative Pictorial Cancellations

When the 4-cent Employ The Handicapped commemorative stamp is first placed on sale August 28, 1960, in New York (1), New York, the pictorial portion of the first day cancellation will feature the eagle with outstretched wings from the center portion of the seal of The President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

The pictorial portion of the first day cancellation to be used in Seattle, Washington, on August 29, 1960, when the 4-cent Fifth World Forestry Congress commemorative stamp is issued, will feature three trees and the wording "Multiple Use" and "Multiple Benefits."

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A likeness of Ignacy Jan Paderewski, from a painting by Tave Styka based on a photograph by Taylor and Dull of New York, will be featured on the 4 and 8-cent "Champion of Liberty" stamps to be released at Washington, D. C. on October 8, 1960.



Design of Paderewski Champion of Liberty Stamp

These stamps were initially announced by the Postmaster General on May 2, 1960, the eve of the day when the people of Poland and millions of Americans of Polish ancestry commemorate the adoption of the Polish Constitution of 1791. As Mr. Summerfield noted then, "Poland's Constitution of that date was patterned after our own American Constitution, and is considered one of the outstanding documents of the free world."

The Paderewski "Champion of Liberty" stamps were based on a photograph of a stamp design, a drawing of a medallion and a drawing of a ribbon, spray of leaves and torch, which were furnished by the Post Office Department. The design is in the "Famous American" size, and was based on the 8-cent Magsaysay "Champion of Liberty" stamp of 1957 with modifications.

The 4-cent value will be printed in blue on the Cottrell presses and issued in panes of 70, electric-eye perforated, and the 8-cent denomination will be produced in panes of 72 on the Giori presses in red, blue and ocher, L-type perforated.

Orders have been placed for 120 million of the 4-cent denomination and 40 million of the 8-cent stamp. The wording "Champion of Liberty" appears across the top in dark Gothic lettering, and "United States Postage" across the bottom. The denominations are in the lower right. Surrounding the head of Paderewski is the inscription "Ignacy Jan Paderewski," "1860" and "1941" and "Polish Statesman-Artist."

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The Dutch Experimental Rocket Despatches from San Remo, Italy, 1947/1951

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AT THE time when the second edition of the *Stephen H. Smith Rocket Mail Catalogue* was issued (Fritz Billig's Specialized catalogs, Volume 8) very little data was available concerning Dutch rocket post experiments at San Remo, Italy. In view of the too brief news despatches it was difficult to assemble the necessary information on these flights. The reason these "starts" occurred in this particular locality is because here a number of philatelic meetings took place in those years, such as the *Mostra Filatelica Internazionale* of 1947.

At the beginning it had been planned to carry the rocket mail ultimately from the San Remo golf course to the Nervia Airport at Bordighera, seven miles away, which is the reason why the rocket stamp that was prepared for these experiments shows the inscription "I. ES- PER I M E N T O P O S T E R A Z Z O - S A N R E M O - B O R D I G H E R A ." The issue used in 1947 and 1948 showed this triangular stamp in red on white paper, with a flying rocket as the center design. For the scheduled 1950 start the same design exists on vignettes printed in three colors, with a blue frame and center background on white paper and with the text imprint in red. Such stamps exist even with a cancellation of the scheduled flight on December 10, 1950. The three-colored stamp was never used on the covers flown by Dr. de Bruijn and the *Nederlandse Ruimtevaart Studio*. For the 1951 start the red stamp was used.

Table 1 which we furnish later in this article lists the starts at the 1947 *International Philatelic Fair*. Rocket cards exist from the same year with an Italian language cachet reading, "Poste Per Razzo" and the San Remo cachet of arrival "S. REMO ARRIVI W PARTENZE- IMPERIA-8.8/47,12." But these cards, which on the reverse side show a picture of the De Bruijn R 313 Barendrecht 24-2-39 rocket start, were actually flown in Belgium

and were sent from there to a San Remo address. These cards were flown by the rocket R 520 on August 2, 1947, from Vilvorde to Brussels over a distance of 1.7 km. (1.05 miles) and were there re-dispatched from a Brussels post office to San Remo, where they received the San



The Triangular Rocket Stamp

Remo cachet of arrival. Only ten cards are reported from this flight.

On March 5, 1948, there was another experimental flight in San Remo in the presence of some philatelic experts, the R 531. Since there was no advance publicity, only forty-two white cards (5 in. x 3 1/3 in.) were flown. These cards have (in the upper half) a large cachet of the N R S (*Nederlandse Ruimtevaart Studio*) and have the same triangular rocket stamp, with the autograph of the experimenter and the address cachet of the NRS in Amsterdam. But there was no postal re-dispatch on this occasion. The rocket was flown over a distance of 4.8 km (3 miles).

Flights were announced for 1950 and 1951 on which it had been expected there would be post office cooperation. The 1950 flight was cancelled, however, even though a souvenir cover dated December 10 had been prepared, because final approval failed to come through. The flight which had been scheduled for May 6, 1951, received special advance announcement, but because it was not sufficiently widely circulated, only a small number of covers were submitted by the collecting public for it. From this flight only seventy-two covers and six cards were flown at San Remo on May 7, and were

cancelled by the Italian post office on May 8, 1951. Others were included in a start from Argenteuil, Belgium, which also show the San Remo rocket cancellation with slight changes. These details are given in Table 2 hereafter.

Table I

The information which follows is concerned with the experimental starts at the *Mostra Filatelica Internazionale*, March 16-19, 1947:

(a) Trial Start No. 519A, without postal re-dispatch. Either plain white sheets of plain transparent paper was used, as follows: (1) Plain white sheets (6 x 3 1/2") showing in the lower left, the words "S. REMO, Z.MASSA 99"; and in the lower right, the rubber-stamped address of the *Nederlandse Ruimtevaart Studio* in Amsterdam. The red triangular stamp has the handwritten signature of the experimenter. On the reverse side is the number 00519. (2) Plain transparent paper without imprint but with the same address and the same rocket stamp signed by the starter. Cachet on the front: 00519; on the reverse, 00519. The total number of both types of cards is about 70 to 100. They frequently have burned spots along the edges.

(b) F.D.C. Flight. Harder paper cards (5 x 4") or same trimmed. Cachet in upper left, "First Dutch Cover." The Dutch rocket stamp, blue, with Dr. De Bruijn's portrait as used in Holland on September 16, 1946, with cancellation "RAK- VLUCHT" and with circular cancellation of the "MOSTRA INTERN. FIL. S. REMO-ENERGES-16/17-3-47." Also, a cachet "ROCKET FLIGHT" and blue flying rocket. With the triangular San Remo-Bordighera rocket stamp and Dr. De Bruijn's signature. Forty cards, forty covers have been reported.

(c) The No. 519 Rocket. Started March 16, 1947, with twenty covers and forty-seven cards. The Dutch Gld rocket stamps of the Amsterdam-Wendelweg "PEACE" rocket

10, 1947, was used, but with overprint "ITALIA". The rocket was cancelled with the IL cachet as used for (b), but in red. The items were auto-canceled and re-dispatched through mail. A special postal cancellation of the International Fair was used on the postal stamps "MOS-TELICA INTERNATIONALE-SAN-16.3.47". Distance flown by rocket: 2.8 km (1.7 miles).

Table II

Following gives information on scheduled starts for 1950 and

The announced start for December 10, 1950

ANNOUNCEMENT (acc. to the *New York Daily News* of December 10, 1950):

San Remo, Italy, Dec. 6 (U.P.). Symbolic mail delivery by rocket was tried out here Sunday over a test course as part of the International Philatelic Congress here, it was announced today. It will be flown from the San Remo golf course and is supposed to land at the San Remo Airport at Bordighera, seven miles away."

The prepared stamp and stationery: The triangular stamp "I° ES-
PERIMENTO POSTERAZZO —
S A N R E M O - B O R D I G H E R A"
printed in three colors (blue and
red on white). Light weight cards
imprinted: "I° V O L O S P E R I -
M E N T A L E P O S T A P E R R A Z Z O
— S A N R E M O - B O R D I G H E R A —
10.12.1950" and "T R A N S P O R T A -
T O C O L R A Z Z O P O S T A L E ' I T A L -
I A ' " A cachet "R A Z Z O — I T A L I A
— P O S T A L E " in red over the rocket
stamp.

This start did not take place be-
cause the final approval for the fir-
ings was not received. Some of the
prepared covers, which show the
planned stamp and cachet are to be
considered as souvenir covers, since
there was no rocket flight on De-
cember 10, 1950. (b) *The announced
start for May 6, 1951.* An announce-
ment in form of illustrated circulars
was printed to reach 30,000 collec-
tors heralding "The World's First
Mail directed by Radiograph" and
scheduling the carrying of a few
thousand envelopes which would re-
ceive a special cachet of the Italian
postal authorities. Light-weight let-
ter-sheets were prepared with the
same text as in 1950, but in a differ-

ent type and with the name of the
rocket *ITALIAC*. The three-cor-
nered stamp was in red. Since only
a small number of covers were sub-
mitted, a small-size rocket was used,
and fired on May 7, 1951. It carried
seventy-two covers and six cards
over the 11 kilometer (7.25 miles)
distance from San Remo to Bordi-
ghera.

Red cachet on the rocket stamp
(oval) "R A Z Z O P O S T A L E — 6.5 —
I T A L I A C — 1951 — P A R T E N Z A"
and a circular cachet "E S P E R I -
M E N T O D I P O S T E R A Z Z O —
7.5.51." Postal Cancellation: "B O R -
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reverse "R A Z Z O P O S T A L E A R -
R I V O — 6.5.51."

Others of the submitted covers
were returned from the subsequent
rocket start No. 592 at Argenteau,
Belgium, on August 27, 1951. These
show the red triangular rocket
stamp with a cancellation "E S -
P E R I M E N T O D I P O S T E R A Z Z O"
and are backstamped "R A Z Z O P O -
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THESE notes are being written a few weeks after the London Exhibition, and as it has already been reported in STAMPS, my only comment will be that among the exhibits there was one which gave me real pleasure. It showed that the discovery of an inverted stamp which, when first announced, had aroused a good deal of skepticism, had been recognized as genuine. I refer to the Kenya "QE" 5c Owen Falls Dam stamp with inverted frame that was found by an American schoolboy in one of the Atlantic States. I'll admit that when the news broke, it did sound a bit odd, but there could be no doubt about its authenticity after the variety received a "R.P.H." certificate.

I have been working very hard since the exhibition getting ready the revision of the Commonwealth "QE" catalog, which is due for publication at the end of September. It will be a "bumper" edition, for since the last one was published some very interesting stamps have been issued. I am keeping a number of secrets up my sleeve as to varieties, but it is no secret about the different G.B. overprints. (Last year the Commonwealth was the first out with the news about the Persian Gulf 15 nP, second state, and 40 nP, new ink, as many of my readers will recall).

Insofar as the G.B. overprints are concerned, the trouble is that collectors have been finding it difficult to separate "letterpress" from the "plate," when they have only singles to work with, as regards the G.B. high values "Waterlow"

and the "De La Rue"; vertical pairs easy to distinguish. Regarding the prints, I have had twenty-six cuts, all of which will appear in the catalogue and with the help of accompanying explanations, these will make the solution of singles much less difficult.

About the Kuwait 15 nP, second which was not generally discovered a year, many thought there would drop from the price when it was on from £10 to £15 per copy, mind; contrarily, there seems to be hardly left to offer at any price. Looking the British stamp papers this we find not one is mentioned in the For my own part, I was lucky enough to pick up a strip of four copies in U.S. only a few weeks ago at a reasonable price. So perhaps some of my American friends will look for the possibility of more of them which perhaps I picked up there.

I suppose that by the end of the all British stamps overprinted for in the Persian Gulf (or Arabian) which seems to be the preferred (now) will be a thing of the past. definitive sets and Qatar must be near completion. Look out for overprint changes which might occur before the end of use of the old sets. the meanwhile, collectors can take a pretty sound "tip-off" that these prints will more than pay for their in the long run.

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A Report on the Bell Telephone Cachet

By Al. Pearsall

The Bell Telephone Stamp Club of Philadelphia had a Flag Day cachet during the last of our 49-State and the 50-State Union.

The response was overwhelming. We expected perhaps a hundred collectors would be interested, but we received requests. Many of the collectors used a note stating how they had heard of the project, and a reasonable estimate is that approximately 65 percent due to the news item in STAMPS. Every State except Alaska was heard of and many covers were called for from Mexico, Canada, Australia, Ceylon, Dutch New Guinea, and many cities in Europe. A tabulation of the states made, resulting in: New York 249, Pennsylvania 221, New Jersey 191, Ohio 181, California 89, Illinois 85, Michigan 81, Missouri 49, Massachusetts 44, Connecticut 32, Iowa 22, Washington D. C. 19, Virginia 19, Texas 17, Washington 117.

Most collectors used quite a bit of imagination in preparing covers. Quite a few followed the suggestion to affix the 4c 49-star Flag stamp. However, some also used the 48-star Flag, the Ross and Lafayette commemorative of 1952, and the Francis Scott Key of 1948. A few collectors showed imagination and merely used the 4c Lincoln.

Appreciation must be extended to the Post Office Department in Philadelphia, because they offered to apply the more time-consuming handstamp in order to produce a large, clean cancel, and the Postmaster even added his autograph stamp, an unexpected gesture that was sincerely appreciated.

Although collectors in general by this time have learned how to prepare covers for a cachet, but some still need to be cautioned to use standard No. 6 size envelopes, of good quality, smooth paper. Linen envelopes have a tendency to wrinkle, as of course also those of cheap quality. All should have a thin cardboard stuffer in order to preserve condition and to get a good cancellation. It would hardly seem necessary to say that all envelopes should be plain, but we received some with a printed or written address at the left where the cachet is normally applied. Addressing of the envelopes should be at the extreme lower right. Several of the envelopes submitted to us left no room for the cachet, and some were so badly scribbled that the names and addresses were completely illegible.

Another point on which caution is needed is the matter of State names. You will notice that the Post Office Department always spells out the names of states in full in its releases. It is often very difficult to tell whether an address is Va. for Virginia, Ga. for Georgia, Pa. for Pennsylvania, etc. With the vast amount of mail which our carriers and

mail sorters must handle, such addresses are often the cause of delay by being mis-carried. After having handled this cachet job I have a far greater appreciation of what our postal workers have to contend with in poorly addressed and badly handwritten mail.

Our publicity release stated that service for the covers was free, something unusual these days, although in the past many clubs used to do this kind of thing without charge. We asked that proper postage should be affixed, however, and that the envelopes should reach us by June 10th. Only four covers were received without postage, and a few came too late; these of course did not get their covers, although we did service all that came right up to the date of June 14th. Collectors should remember that this might not always be possible, as a final date is usually FINAL. So, if you are a cover collector, don't be one of these people who always wait until the last minute; you might find yourself out of luck.

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The 4-cent Arctic Explorations commemorative stamp of 1959 was removed from sale at the Philatelic Sales Agency in Washington as of the close of business August 10, 1960. Removed from sale on the same day were the 2, 3, 5 and 30-cent postage due stamps of the 1930 series.

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Coming Events

Sept. 2—Garfield-Perry Stamp Club meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, O. Program includes the August Dietz collection of Confederate stamps and A.P.S. slide program and lecture.

Sept. 3-11—POLSKA 1960, at the Culture and Science Palace, Warsaw, Poland. Displays will be on an international level and many details have previously been published in STAMPS. There will be, in addition to the exhibition, sight-seeing tours, concerts, dancing and singing troupes, philatelic films, and for those wishing it, a five-day excursion to Krakow and Zakopane. A commemorative stamp of 10 + 10 zL face value will be released with the surtax going to help defray the cost of the exhibition.

Sept. 9—Masonic Stamp Club of N.Y. meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City. "Summer Hash" program. Visitors welcome.

Sept. 11—Third Annual Modern and Antique Hobby Show and Display at the American Legion Home, Main St., Coshocton, O. Hours: 1:00 P.M. to 5 P.M. Admission free. For further information write to the sponsor, Coshocton County Coin Club, P.O. Box 107, Coshocton, O.

Sept. 12—Oak Park Woman's Stamp Club meeting in the assembly room,

Adele Maze Branch of the Oak Park Public Library, Gunderson and Harris Sts., Oak Park, Ill. Additional information on the club may be obtained from the secretary, Mrs. Schaub, 326 S. Cuyler Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Sept. 13—Fort Orange Stamp Club of Albany, N. Y., meeting at 8:30 P.M. at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, N. Y. Joseph Schriener will show his collection on "No. 1's of the World on Cover." Rev. Henry Hardy Heins will lecture on the writing of "Numeral Cancellations of the British Empire." For the club history and yearly program send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to program chairman, Thomas F. McGrath, 804 Park Ave., Albany 8, N. Y.

Sept. 13—The Long Island Chapter of the American Topical Association meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Mid-Island Bowl, Broadway, Hicksville, L. I., N. Y. Mr. Gerald Stone will speak on "Animals on Stamps."

Sept. 20—Reading Stamp Collectors Club, 300 N. 6th St., Reading Pa., meeting. William McFarland will show part of his collection.

Sept. 20—Tucson Stamp Club meeting at 7:30 P.M., Room 101, Arts Bldg., University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz. Arizona.

Sept. 20—Society of Ghana Philatelists meeting at 7:30 P.M., in Room 701 Hart Bldg., 100 W. 42nd St., New York City. Mrs. Mercy Eduful will talk on "The Culture of Ghana," and films will be shown. President-Editor, Mrs. Edna M. de Hart, 173 Blueberry Lane, Hicksville, N. Y., will mail a copy of the society's monthly publication for 8c postage to all interested collectors.

Sept. 22—Women's Philatelic Society of New York meeting at 8:00 P.M., Hotel Statler Hilton, 7th Ave. and 33rd St., New York City. Mr. Oscar Hengstenberg will speak on his autographed collection of Old Ironsides covers. Visitors invited.

Sept. 24-Oct. 9—BRATISLAVA 1960 National Stamp Exhibition at the Slovak Museum, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia.



Pictured above is the architect's sketch of the new, steel and concrete, air-conditioned building which will be erected for the Washington Press, of Newark, N. J. The new construction will give the firm the added space it needs for its expanding services and products. The building, which will include many new ideas for handling and shipping, was designed by Dan Hopper, A.I.A., a stamp collector for many years. Construction firm is the Palent Construction Company.

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(Top right): Shop front from 1905 to 1960.

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It was Phillips who in 1893 first set up the Stanley Gibbons business at 391 Strand, London, where it still thrives.

The building he took over had been occupied by Adam's Small Arms Co., who, we understand, supplied Wyatt Earp with six shooters and old cartridge shells. These

are still to be found under the floor when building alterations take place. The interior of the shop was modernized a few years ago, and a new exterior now proclaims the efficient and courteous service to be had inside.

To a firm founded over 100 years and with deep-rooted traditions of good and unostentatious service, a modernized shop-front is a major event. The accompanying photographs show the shop-front in evolution.

Plates for 7c "Fire Red" Airmail Stamps

Printing of the 7-cent "fire red" airmail stamps, now released in sheet form (August 12) and booklet panes (August 19) are being produced from plates used for the 7-cent "blue" airmail issue of 1958. This will also apply to the coils, to be released October 22 at Atlantic City.

Plates thus far used at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the 7-cent "fire red" airmail in sheet form are No. 26385-86, 26444-45 and 26667-68. For the booklet panes plates 26458-59 and 26475-76 have been sent to press, and plates 26446-47 were used for coils.

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AN interesting story about the problems a man faced when he wanted to mail postcards to friends from Russia was told in *Printing News* of July 23, 1960.

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The post office in the USSR has a rule that no person may be sold more than one stamp of any one issue at any one time, so it became necessary for several different issues of 40 kop. stamps to be provided. It was only because he had the labels with him that the Moscow postal officials could finally believe he needed so many stamps. They agreed to get him ten stamps from each 40 kop. commemorative issue which they had available. After a long wait, a clerk brought him ten stamps each of sixty-three different issues. For the balance that he needed he and his wife had to visit as many post office branches as possible to

buy the permissible limit of stamps at each of them.

After a couple of days of accumulating the stamps, Mrs. Augustine suggested that they had better find out if he could get as many as 1700 postcards. The guide took them to a stationery store where Mr. Augustine selected a packet of twenty cards and indicated that he wanted to purchase eighty-eight of these packets. Again there were several conferences and finally the supervisor of the store decided there would be no harm in letting him buy that many.

Next came the task of affixing the stamps and writing the messages, which occupied a few days, and they were only able to mail about 60 from Moscow, but completed the job in Leningrad. The mail box near their hotel in Leningrad had only about a quarter-inch slot in it, which meant that only a few postcards could be dropped in at a time. They had about 1100 to mail, and as they continued this time-consuming task, a crowd began to gather. Mrs. Augustine began to get nervous, and suggested they complete the mailing the next day. However, Mr. Augustine thought otherwise, and they finished the mailing with a crowd of curious Russians watching what to them, as Mr. Augustine put it, "must have been a strange and incomprehensible performance."

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SPAIN—1872—Yvert #129, 4/4c. ultramarine. This has appeared in abundance on the market, as well as No. 129b, the tete-beche.

SPAIN—1876—Yvert #172 4/4c. green. Three types of tete-beche have been seen. In comparison with the original designs, they are very easy to distinguish.

Jean Koor Clark

WORD HAS just been received of the death of Jean Koor Clark, widow of Hugh Clark, former owner for many years of Scott Publications.

The only specific information we have is that she had a heart attack several months ago which left her partially paralyzed, and to which her death is traced.

Her body was flown to New York from California, and funeral services were held July 28, 1960, at the Walter B. Cooke Funeral Home there, with burial taking place in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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SWITZERLAND—Continuing our European journey, our next stop was Switzerland with Zurich, Bern, Basel, Lucerne and Geneva as the stamp centers to be visited. Most of the Swiss dealers handle new issues, a part of philately which is booming in this country as never before. Most stamp dealers here, however, are in a position to stand by and wait. Thus, if a stamp or set of stamps of a recent issue has no established market value and substantial rises for it are expected, these issues are put away and held for sale at a later date. This is quite different from the practice of U. S. dealers who will sell anything as long as they can make some profit.

In Basel I stopped at one of the finest and most beautiful stamp stores to be found anywhere. Mrs. Hassel, who operates this store with her daughter, has a wonderful stock of older and new issues of the world. The only existing Stamp School in the world is located here behind a huge mirror in the store, and every weekday, from four to six o'clock in the afternoon, over 300 school children of various ages from all over Basel come here to learn and study the art of collecting stamps. There are several classes of free instructions and it takes about ten lessons in order to get on the right track of stamp collecting. This stamp school is certainly making a large contribution to philately and is run by someone whose heart is closer to stamp collecting than Swiss franken.

Visiting the many dealers in Switzerland I noticed the following prevailing retail prices: Scott's #226 cost 160 Swiss franken which is close to \$40.00, although Scott's values this souvenir sheet at only \$25.00. No. 242 net is \$2.20 although the catalog valuation is \$2.50; #270-272 has a catalog value of \$2.90 and nets almost \$2.50; #293-305, depending on condition and centering is \$25.00 to \$30.00; #328 used is 35c; #B89 costs 50 cents net; #B105 is \$12.50 net; #B116 is full Scott's valuation; #B130 is \$3.00 net; #B131-132 is almost full Scott's valuation; #B143 nets \$4.50 to \$5.00; #B144 nets \$4.50 and is very

icult to find at this price; #B206 re-
from \$6.50 to \$7.50 and still goes
from month to month. The airmails
and 2, net \$14.00 mint and \$16.00
, and Nos. C40, C42, and C45, mint
used are full Scott's valuation. Most
the better League of Nations stamps
and high prices and nothing can
ad for half Scott. Top values such
2027-2030, mint or used, and #3025-
mint or used, wholesale close to the
1960 Scott's catalog valuation. Sets
as #3083-93 and #4029-39, previ-
recommended in this column,
ld be bought now although they may
you the full Scott's valuation or
tly higher. Nos. 506-5025 are becom-
very rare and all the values issued
1948 are missing from Swiss deal-
stockbooks. No. 701-7020, the UNO
of 1950, sells for at least \$40.00, and
ces are that it will continue to go
The 1959 Europa issue, overprinted
the UNO (Montreux), retails and
esales for from four to five franken,
h is equivalent to \$1.00 to \$1.25.
ee are still ample stocks of this issue
ee United States which are probably
available for less than the above-
ed figures.

BECHTENSTEIN — From Switzerland I
to visit my friend and only stamp
r who lives in Vaduz, capital of
country. After a four hour drive from
h, we were greeted by Mr. Klimand
his family who showed us around
beautiful city and castle.

ee following issues are practically out
each for any United States dealer be-
Swiss dealers and Mr. Klimand
paying top prices, leaving no margin
esale in the States: Scott's Nos. 82-
#94-107, #108-110, #114, #115
h costs from \$65.00 to \$70.00 and
a catalog value of \$85.00), #130-
#170, 171a, #218, and #218a.
ng the postwar issues the best com-
oratives are Scott's Nos. 238 (used),
, #270-273, #277-280 and #284-
Scott's #C1-6, #C14, #C15-16
) and #C17-23 and #C24-33, used,
highly recommended here. Hardly
stocks can be found of the 1947
als, Scott's #030-036, and wholesal-
are willing to pay double face value
is fairly close to Scott's valuation.
of these above-mentioned issues
ound to get an increased valuation
the next edition of Scott's catalog,
with the large variety of stocks of
principlality's stamps in the States,
should be bought now while lower
are asked.

EAT BRITAIN — The International
elic Exhibition at Festival Hall, in
on, was the main reason for the
s of so many stamp collectors and
dealers to Europe this summer.
is no doubt that the exhibition
a success in every respect. Running
rrently with the stamp show, was
lers' two-day bourse at the Waldorf
which was one of the places of
interest for the professional stamp
tor. Dealers from all over the
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MARVIN FREY

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stamps and sets were of more recent vintage and, of course, topicals again sold faster than they could be replaced. Many New York wholesalers were offering the World Refugee issues. I heard that during my short absence from the States the imperforated Afghanistan Refugee issue went up to \$4.50, the Guatemala issue went up to \$5.00, Paraguay rose to \$4.50, the Peru set went up to 75c, and that Surinam rose to \$1.00. Thus, one can see that the popular topical Refugee issues are "going places." Some of the issues like the Korea and Haiti souvenir sheets were recommended in this column a long time ago. Again I repeat my advice to get these new issues at new issue rates.

Among all the European capitals, London still has the largest stocks. Prewar material of almost all European countries in used and partly in mint is still around, while the mint sets of European countries of the postwar period up to 1955 are missing everywhere. Naturally, the general supply of Great Britain and British Colonials is more than sufficient and some of the smaller colonies can be completed with the greatest of ease. A series of stamps which is getting somewhat harder to find is Scott's #1-12 of Tristan da Cunha. This 1952 provisional set, mint or used, costs anywhere up to \$6.00, while dealers in the States are still selling it from \$5.00 to \$5.50. Nos. 128-139, the 1953-58 Queen Elizabeth II Somaliland Protectorate issue, fetches slightly more than double face value, while only recently, American dealers are trying to sell it at new issue rates that were slightly over face value. Now that British Somaliland has become independent, this set, as a forerunner to the new sets of the new republic, should have possibilities, and no time should be wasted in case you wish to collect Somalia.

While at the London exhibition, a new local was issued. Thus in addition to Herm and Lundy, the stamps of Jethou Island became valid. Jethou, an island three miles from Guernsey, issued a set of five stamps for prepayment of carrying of mail to Guernsey by motorboat. The island belongs to the Crown and is leased to *Group Cpt. W. H. Cliff*. From July 1st, this island has been opened to the public and many tourists from Guernsey have visited it. The present population of seven people does not justify a stamp issue, but the large number of visitors sending postcards does. Being local stamps, additional British postage is needed to mail the letter beyond Guernsey.

1961 Scott's Catalog Volume II

THE 1961 edition of Volume II of *Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*, recently published, probably contains a larger number of price and listing changes, shifting of countries within the book, and additions of new issues for the past year, than any previous edition.

For the first time over forty thousand prices have been changed or added. It received the greatest number of price changes, 2,213, followed by Austria with 1,638, France with 1,410, Netherlands with 1,383, and Germany with 1,038.

The editors feel that price trends reflected in the new edition show that the market is very strong in Austria, Germany, Italy and Colonies, Japan (especially 19th century), Monaco, the Saar and Vatican City. In all of these countries catalog prices have gone up, and in some cases there have been remarkable increases.

Topicals, such as sports and Olympics, very much in demand, brought about new highs in the catalog. For example, Greece 1896 Olympic set went from \$112.06 to \$166.00 (mint), and the 1906 set jumped from \$76.75 to \$126.75.

In Austria, No. 26a, the 15 kr of 1867 printed on both sides, went up from \$850 to \$1,250, and No. 28a, the 3 rose color error of 1867, rose from \$2.75 to \$4000.

Other examples of increases include the tete beche pair of Bavaria No. 1, a rarity of which three are known, which doubled in price from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Italy's 1949 commemorative, No. 51 (mint); and Nos. 35-39 of the Saar, which moved up from \$160 to \$232.

An exception to the trend of increasing valuations are the issues of Armenia where prices of twenty-seven stamps were decreased, and none raised.

Changes of four country names have caused certain listings to be shifted within the book. Belgian East Africa is now Ruanda-Urundi; Guinea Republic issues are now found under Guinea instead of French Guinea; Curacao is listed under the Netherlands Antilles, and Italian Somaliland is now Somalia. In addition, Belgian East Africa Nos. 1-5 have become German East Nos. N25-N29.

Other sample listings revisions include the 70 leva of the 1947 Anti Fascist issue and the 1953 medicinal flowers souvenir sheet of Bulgaria which have been listed and priced; the 1922 11-stamp overprint issue for the 3rd Netherlands Indies Industrial Fair at Bandoeng of the Dutch Indies which has been listed and priced; the German Democratic Republic's 1958 20 stamp, which was issued for the 40th anniversary of the November 7th Revolution and which was withdrawn from sale on the day of issue, is now listed although unpriced; Liberia's recently reported airmail error of 1936, the 6c and 1c green without the "OS" overprint, has been listed unpriced; forty-five stamps of the 1941-42 Italian Occupation issues of Montenegro have been newly listed and priced; and separate minor listings of perforation varieties have been added for Yugoslavia (No. 2L34a), Samoa (P 15a), Somalia (Nos. 67a-69a, 142a, 149a, 151a, 154a, 155a) and Tripoli (Nos. 18a-19a).

The 1961 Volume II of *Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* is priced at \$8.00, contains 1,739 new stamp issues for the past year, and fills fifty more pages than its 1960 counterpart.

U. S. Precancels

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OREGON

Many Bureau Precancels were issued in the Sunset State. Most of them come from Portland. Outside of Portland the only Bureaus you find are Eugene, Medford, and Salem. Portland always had a bad habit of putting the newly ordered Bureau precancel on top of the old supply, thus making some early Bureaus scarce. Then when the new supply was exhausted, they would come out with some supposedly new items. But this practice happened years ago and supplies and prices have been adjusted accordingly.



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Six New Precancel Publications

The tremendous popularity of Town and Type collecting of precancel stamps prompted Richard J. Coda Sr., publisher of the Gunesch-Coda Bureau Issue Catalog and Bureau Issue Album Pages, to enter the field of Local precancel publications. The first of these publications are the catalogs for the States of New Hampshire, New Jersey, and New Mexico

and companion album pages for each State.

The catalogs are a distinct departure from the old method of listing precancels and the confusing use of a style chart to try and determine the various types. Mr. Coda, in his catalogs, has pictured each and every type of precancel imprint, making it an easy task for the new collectors. All catalogs are printed on white bond paper, 5½ x 8½, punched for small three-ring binders.

The album pages follow the same attractive format as the popular Bureau Issue Album pages; well proportioned, dimensional mounting frames, printed on 58½ # pure white index stock, 8½ x 11, round cornered and punched for standard three-ring binder. Town names and type numbers are inserted in the mounting frames in chronological order with the catalog, a mounting frame being provided for each Town and each Type within that Town. Ample blank mounting frames are interspersed throughout the album pages to allow for additional Towns or Types as they appear.

The catalogs are modestly priced: New Hampshire 50c; New Jersey \$1.50; New Mexico 50c. The album pages: New Hampshire \$2.50; New Jersey \$4.50; New Mexico \$1.50. Available from the publisher, Richard J. Coda Sr., 96 Branford Place, Newark 2, N. J.

Maritime Postal History of London

The Maritime Postal History of London 1766-1960, by Alan W. Robertson. Published by Robson Lowe, Ltd., 50 Pall Mall, London S.W. 1, England. Price 35 Shillings plus 2 Shillings postage.

THE main portion of this work, by that outstanding authority in this field, Alan W. Robertson, is the catalog of all known handstamps connected with London Maritime Mail.

The Paid and Unpaid Ship Letters section runs the whole gamut of packet letters, paquebots, India ship and packet letters, India soldiers' letters, special purpose handstamps, Naval mail, and finally, some of the complimentary instructional marks connected with Maritime Mail. Each handstamp is given a catalog number and is described in detail as to size, color, period of use, and all are illustrated.

The history of the London Ship Letters Office 1799-1847, which follows this section, explains the procedure adopted with Maritime Mail prior to the establishment of the Office.

The third section deals with "Rates and Charges." A simple and effective

formula for the interpretation of postal charges on ship or packet letters is suggested, and tables provided for its application.

There are four appendices, comprising a sketch map of England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. Each map shows the location of the ports which are known to have used ship letter handstamps, and finally, a map of the Southampton Mail-coach Road, originally published in 1806.

In addition to the handstamps, the work is profusely illustrated with photographs of covers, and a number of reproductions of ships and places are included. The quality of the paper is of the finest art quality, enabling clear reproductions, and the entire arrangement is excellent for easy reference. In all, there are seventy-four large half-tone plates, and almost 200 drawn illustrations of the London Maritime Handstamps in true dimensions.

In blue cloth binding, stamped in gold, this is a handsome as well as important reference work for the collector's library.

More About Remainders of Demonetized Italian Stamps

IN STAMPS of July 2, 1960, H. L. Lindquist reported on interviews which he had had with Dr. Enzo Diena and others, including the Minister of P.T.T. in Italy, concerning the remainders of demonetized stamps. Also, on page 6 of that issue, we printed a follow-up report by Dr. Diena, which told of the later announcement by the new Italian Minister of Posts that all remainders of demonetized stamps would be sold to finance improvements in the Italian postal service.

This was of course entirely contrary to the best interests of philately and to the recommendations of the specially appointed committee which had studied the matter.

We now have a letter from Dr. Enzo Diena in which we are informed that the Minister who had released the "menacing and threatening declarations about the sale of the entire stock of remainders is not a Minister any more," as a result of the recent Cabinet crisis.

No one knows the plans of the new Minister, Senator Spallino, but, Dr. Diena remarks, "they can hardly be more ominous to philately than those of his predecessor." Italian philatelic circles are currently rather optimistic, he states, as the Civil Service staff of the Ministry of Posts did not apparently share the views of the former Minister. "It is believed that the incineration of the greater part of the remainders is again a concrete possibility," he adds.

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ARGENTINA—On August 20, 1960, a four-value set of stamps was issued in honor of "Efimayo 1960." Designed by Horatio Alvarez Boero and printed by photogravure by the State Mint, in sheets of 100, the values, colors, designs and editions are as follows: 2 + 1 pesos, lilac rose, the Market Place, 400,000; 6 + 3 pesos, blackish-gray, the Water Carrier, 400,000; 10.70 + 5.30 pesos, blue, the Landing Place, 300,000; 20 + 10 pesos, pale green, the Fort, 300,000.
—Ministry of Communications

AUSTRALIA—On October 12, 1960, a special areogramme will be issued to honor the 40th anniversary of Qantas Empire Airways. The aerogramme, which will be on sale for approximately seven weeks, will conform generally to the pattern of the current areogramme, although a two-color commemorative inscription will appear on the left side of the ad-

dress face, and the 10d. stamp impression will be varied to show a Boeing 707 jet airliner.

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—Australian News and
Information Bureau, New York

AUSTRIA—On August 25, 1960, a 3S,
Europa stamp was issued. The stamp,
designed by Adalbert Pilch and engraved
by Rudolf Toth, will become valid for
postage on August 29, 1960, and will
have an edition of three million. The
stamp depicts an ionic pillar with the
word Europa.

—Joachim Dill

BRAZIL—Our thanks to Gen. Arnaldo
Franca and Jose Almir Mendes for first
day covers of the Cr.\$6.50 stamp, issued
August 5, 1960, honoring the 300th an-
niversary of the birth of the Portuguese
navigator, Infante D. Henrique. The
stamp was printed by taille douce, de-
signed by Bernardino Lancetta, and en-
graved by Gildasio de Souza Ferreira. It
was printed on paper watermarked "Casa
Da Moeda Do Brasil," in sheets of twenty-
five, in an edition of five million. We
thank Gen. Franca for the information
on the stamp forecast in our August 18th
issue.

BRITISH EAST AFRICAN POSTS &
TELECOMMUNICATIONS — The 5/-
value of the new definitive set, reported
in our July 30th issue, reads "Crater
Lake, Mountains of the Moon," although
the subject portrayed is the Ruwenzori
Mountains.

—Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin,
London

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS — A
special issue of stamps in the values of
2d., 3d., and 9d., is being prepared by
John Enschede & Sons, Holland, to com-
memorate the new Constitution. It is
also reported that stamp booklets in the
values of one pound and 5/- have been
produced locally from stamps of the cur-
rent definitive issues.

—Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin,
London

CYPRUS—Our thanks to the Crown
Agents Representative, Washington, D.C.,
for copies of the fifteen value, overprinted
current pictorial series, and the three-
value Independence set, both issued on
August 16, 1960. The overprinted set,
reported in our February 27th issue, con-
sists of the following denominations: 2,
3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50,
100, 250, 500 mils and 1 pound. The
Independence set, reported in our Febru-
ary 6th issue, consists of the values of
10, 30 and 100 mils, and will be on
sale for three months.

GERMANY (WEST)—Our thanks to
Gerd Kleinhempel and Ernst Reitzig for
first day covers of the four-value Olympic
Game set issued August 8, 1960, forecast
in our July 16th issue. The values are 7
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Joachim Dill reports that on September 6, 1960, a stamp will be issued to commemorate the bishops St. Bernard and St. Godehard, both of whom became famous as bishops of Hildesheim. The stamp, designed by Eduard Ege and engraved by Harald Braband, was printed in an edition of twenty million, in red color on white paper watermarked DBP, in sheets of fifty, by the Bundesdruckerei, Berlin. The stamp depicts a bishop's crucifix, a crosier, two mitres, and the cathedral of Hildesheim.

Since President Luebke declared he did not wish to have his portrait on the forthcoming new definitive series, reported in our June 11th issue, the latest plans, reports Mr. Dill, is to have the proposed set depict the national colors on the 20 pf. value, and have portraits of great men of German history, art and literature on the other denominations. However, no date has been announced for the new series.

GREECE—Our thanks to P. J. Drossos for first day covers and to the *Director General of Posts*, for copies of the eleven-value Olympic Games set issued on August 12, 1960, as reported in our August 6th issue. The values are 20, 50, 70 and 80 lepta, and 1, 1.50, 2.50, 4.50, 5, 6, and 12.50 drachmae.

P. J. Drossos also reports that a 3 drachmae stamp will be issued early in September 1960, in an edition of five million, having the same size and design as the 2500 drs. value of the 1954 Ancient Arts set. On September 19, 1960, a 4.50 drs. stamp honoring the "CEPT" will be issued in an edition of 1,200,000 copies. The stamp will be valid for postage until December 31, 1960.

INDONESIA—Lim Tek An, of Bandung, reports that the first part of an Agricultural set was issued on August 17, 1960. The values and designs are as follows: Rp. 1.15, rice; Rp. 0.75, rubber; Rp. 0.50, coconut; and Rp. 0.25, tea.

The rest of the set, to be released on a date not yet announced, will be comprised of the following values and designs; Rp.

0.20, tobacco; Rp. 0.15, coffee; Rp. 0.10, sugar cane; and Rp. 0.05, oil palm.

KOREA (SOUTH)—Our thanks to the following for first day covers and copies of the 40 Hwan stamp issued August 8, 1960, commemorating the opening of the House of Councilors, reported in our August 13th issue: Chin Rock Bang, Shorry Chung, William J. Rhee, Seoul Stamp Service Inc., and the World Stamp Co.

KOREA (SOUTH)—On August 15, 1960, a 40 Hwan, ochre, blue and burnt carmine stamp was issued to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Liberation. The stamp, designed by Choon Whan Kang, depicts a man and woman holding the national flag and a torch. The stamp was lithographed on granite paper, watermarked with the Korean postal emblem, by the Korean Government Printing Agency, in sheets of fifty, in an edition of 500,000. A 40 Hwan miniature sheet, in an edition of 50,000, was also released.

LUXEMBOURG—On September 19, 1960, two Europa stamps will be issued in the values of 2.50 fr. and 5 fr. A special first day cancellation will be used at the Luxembourg-Ville post office.

—Joachim Dill

MALAYA—A two-value set will be issued on September 19, 1960, to commemorate the 15th Meeting of the International Rubber Study Group and the Natural Rubber Research Conference. The stamps are being printed by the litho process by Messrs. Sumitomo Shoji Kaisha Ltd., Japan, on unwatermarked paper, in sheets of 100. Both the 6 sen and 30 sen multi-colored values depict a seedling rubber tree superimposed on a relief map of Malaya. The stamps will remain on sale for three months.

On September 1, 1960, a 10 sen stamp will be issued to commemorate the installation of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong. The stamps, printed by photogravure in multi-color, on unwatermarked paper, in sheets of fifty, by Messrs. Thomas De La Rue

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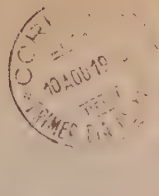
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Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin, London

NEPAL—Our thanks to the *Globe Stamp Agency*, Calcutta, for a copy of the Paisa stamp issued on June 30, 1960, reported in our July 16th issue, depicting Everest and a portrait of the King.

NETHERLANDS—Our thanks to Dr. J. Van Beursem for a first day cover of the World Mental Health Year stamps issued on July 18, 1960, as forecast in our July 16th issue. The values are 12c, 30c.

NEW ZEALAND—A 2d. Christmas stamp will be issued on December 1, 1960. On September 1, 1960, the remaining denominations of the Pictorial stamps, reprinted in our May 28th issue, will be released. The values are 1/2d., 1d., 3d., 6d., 8d., and a 9d. stamp depicting the New Zealand Ensign which has been added to the series.

On September 1, 1960, booklets containing twelve 1d. and twelve 3d. Pictorial stamps will be placed on sale. Counterbalance coils of the Pictorial set will be brought into use as supplies of the Queen Elizabeth series are exhausted. Coils of the 4d. and 1/9 denominations have already been issued to some offices.

All Queen Elizabeth definitives unsold at the close of business on October 31, 1960, will be withdrawn from sale.

With the provision of the 1/3 and one and one-half denominations in the Pictorial series, the printings of these denominations in the fiscal series has been discontinued. Unsold stocks of these stamps will be withdrawn from sale at the close of business on October 31, 1960.

The number of 1959 Health stamps sold were as follows: 3d., 5,171,213; 4d., 64,114.

—*New Zealand Post Office Bulletin*

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NIGERIA—On October 1, 1960, the Independence commemorative issue, reported in our July 2nd issue, will be released. The values are 1d., 3d., 6d., and 1/3.

—*Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin, London*

NORWAY—On September 19, 1960, a 90 ore, blue Europa stamp will be issued with the design common to the participating countries of the European Conference of Posts and Telegraphs. The stamp will be printed on unwatermarked paper, in sheets of 100, by Emil Moestue A/S, Oslo.

—*Postal Administration*

NORWAY—Our thanks to *Elmar Stamps*, Denmark, for a cover with a special cancellation dated August 4, 1960, from the Norwegian Boy Scout Camp at Brundlanes, Norway.

PERU—Our thanks to *Luis Guzman P.*, Lima, for a first day cover of the two value set issued August 10, 1960, to commemorate the VI National Eucharistic Congress to be held within a few weeks in Piura, Peru. The stamps, in the values of 50 centavos and S/1.00, were printed by Courvoisier, Switzerland, in an edition of 500,000 sets, and were valid for postage only on the first day of issue. The stamps, however, may be applied to mail until August 31, 1960, as voluntary contributions to raise funds for the Congress.

Our thanks also to *Mr. Guzman* for a copy of one of the new reprints made by Thomas de la Rue, England, of some of the current definitives now on sale. The values, Scott Type Nos., and color are as follows: S/0.20, A183, brown; S/0.30, A182, rose red; S/0.50, A184, green; S/0.80, AP50, lake. There was an edition of five million of each.

PHILIPPINES—In connection with a law of the Republic which requires compulsory use of Anti T.B. semi-postal stamps on all mail during the period from August 19 to September 30 every year, two million 5 + 5 centavo Quezon Institute Anti T.B. semi-postal stamps, surcharged to 6 + 5 centavo each and overprinted with the text "Help Prevent T.B.," were issued on August 19, 1960.

—*Bureau of Posts*

SAN MARINO—*Pierson Ostrow* reports that postal rate changes are to result in 1, 4, 30 and 110 lire "Paesaggio" definitives.

SWEDEN—On September 19, 1960, a two-value Europa set will be issued in the values of 40 ore (blue) and 1 krona (red). The stamps, bearing the design common to all the participating countries in CEPT, were engraved by Czeslaw Slania. They are furnished in coils of 100.
—*Post Office Section for Philately*

THAILAND—Our thanks to *Kiad B. Ho* and *Hoon Seng Stamp Co.* for first day covers of the two-value set issued on August 10, 1960, to commemorate the Campaign against Leprosy. The values are 50 st. (red) and 2 baht (blue).

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO—A new definitive issue has been ordered from Messrs. Harrison & Sons, to be printed by photogravure on C. A. Block Capitals watermarked paper. All the designs of the stamps, to be released on September 19, 1960, will include a medallion portrait of Queen Elizabeth and the St. Edward's crown. The values, designs, and colors are as follows: 1c, Cipriani Memorial, biscuit and black; 2c, Queen's Hall, light blue; 5c, Whitehall, steel blue; 6c, Treasury Building, Venetian red; 8c, Governor General's House, yellow green; 10c, General Hospital of San Fernando, lilac; 12c, Oil Refinery, brick red; 15c, Crest, orange; 25c, Scarlet Ibis, scarlet and deep blue; 35c, Pitch Lake, green and black; 50c, Muslim Mosque, blue, yellow and green; 60c, Anthurium Lilies, black, green and red; \$1.20, Humming Bird, yellow, red, blue and black; \$4.80, Map of Trinidad and Tobago, blue and green.

—*Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin, London*

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS—The new one pound value, reported in our July 30th issue, will be released on November 1, 1960. The stamp was printed in sheets of sixty.

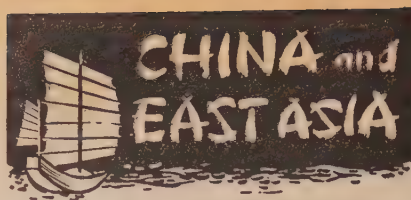
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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—According to a clipping from a Union of South African newspaper, submitted by one of our friends, South Africa is to redesign its stamps by February 14, 1961, when decimal coinage is to be introduced.

VIET NAM (SOUTH)—Our thanks to *Boske Stamps*, Manchester, Conn., for a first day cover of the Anti-Tuberculosis set issued on August 1, 1960, reported in our August 13th issue.

Boske Stamps also informs us that on October 5, 1960, a four-value Children's set will be issued and on October 26, 1960, a three-value Independence Day set will be released.

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cation Council's paper called *Skylights*.
This Fact Sheet is published monthly dur-
ing the school year by the Materials of
Instruction Committee of National Avia-
tion Education Council.

In this particular issue there is an il-
lustrated article called "Air Mail History
in Stamps," reprinted from the January
1960 issue of *Mainliner*, a *United Air
Lines* publication. It gives information on
the several U. S. airmail issues illustrated,
and shows how they "trace the major de-
velopments in four decades of air mail."

The stamps shown include the 24c of
1918, normal with brief mention of the
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1947, #C33; the 80c of 1952 for air par-
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THE catalog for the Chesapex '60 auc-
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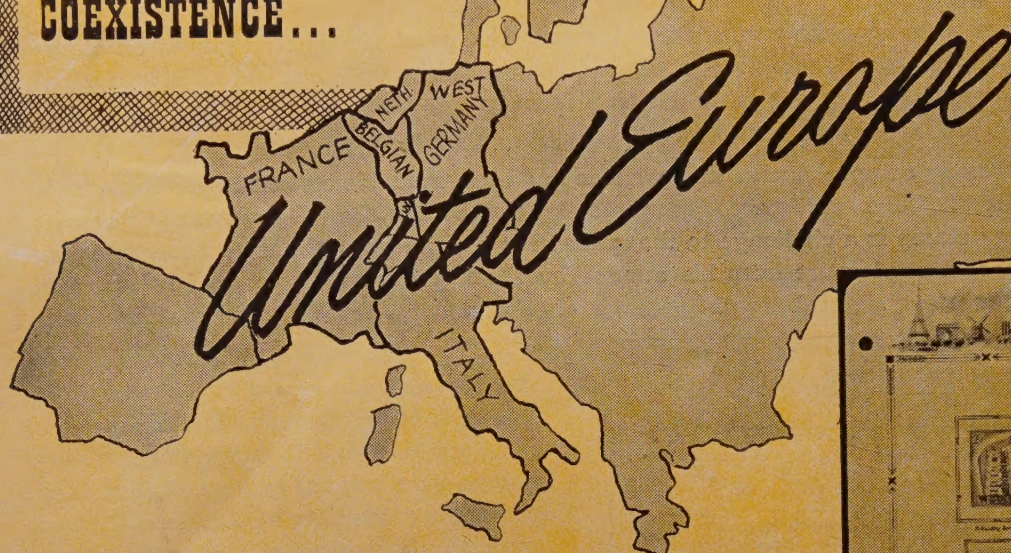
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